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SUBJECT:U.S. NAVAL STATION ARGENTIA WATERFRONT AGREEMENT

REF :A. STATE A-8561

B. OTTAWA 2967

C. STATE 25631

D. OTTAWA 0449

1. REF A FORWARDED THE DRAFT TEXT OF A PROPOSED U.S.-
CANADIAN AGREEMENT RETURNING THE MANAGEMENT OF CERTAIN
WATERFRONT PROPERTIES AT NAVSTA ARGENTIA TO CANADIAN AUTHOR-
ITY. REFTEL B ADVISED THAT GOC DESIRED DELETION OF PRO-
VISION IN DRAFT AGREEMENT DENYING COMMUNIST-BLOC VESSELS
ACCESS TO MANAGED AREAS OF THE HARBOR. REFTEL C REAFFIRMED
U.S. DESIRE TO EXCLUDE SUCH VESSELS. REFTEL D REITERATED
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CANADIAN DIFFICULTY WITH EXCLUSION PROVISION PARTICULARLY

IN LIGHT OF CANADA'S TREATY WITH POLAND BUT INDICATED THAT IF U.S. NAVY REMAINED AS SYMBOLIC HARBOR MANAGER THE PROBLEM MIGHT BE AVOIDED.

2. ON 8 OCTOBER 1974 REPRESENTATIVES FROM DEPARTMENT AND U.S. NAVY MET WITH CANADIAN FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS AT NAVSTA ARGENTIA AND DISCUSSED POSSIBLE WAYS OF RESOLVING THE BLOC VESSEL EXCLUSION PROBLEM. AS RESULT OF THAT DISCUSSION, THE U.S. PROPOSES FOLLOWING CHANGES TO ANNEX C OF THE DRAFT NOTE CONTAINED IN REF A:

A. DELETE LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 3.

B. DELETE PRESENT PARA 10 AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING THEREFOR:

QUOTE 10. THE MANAGED AREA REMAINS A PART OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL STATION, ARGENTIA. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO CONTROL ACCESS TO AND USAGE OF THE WATERS ADJACENT TO, OR IN THE VICINITY OF, THE LEASED AREA, AS THOSE WATERS ARE DELIMITED IN THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES SIGNED AUGUST 13 AND OCTOBER 23, 1947. CONTROL OVER THAT PORTION OF THOSE WATERS WHICH LIE IN ARGENTIA HARBOR MAY BE DELEGATED IN WHOLE OR IN PART TO THE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY WHICH, CONSISTENT WITH SUCH DELEGATION, WILL CONTROL, SO FAR AS IS NECESSARY FOR SAFETY AND EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE MANAGED AREA, ANCHORAGES, MOORINGS AND MOVEMENTS OF SHIPS AND WATER-BORNE CRAFT WITHIN ARGENTIA HARBOR. UNQUOTE

3. REQUEST THAT EMBASSY PRESENT THE FOREGOING UNCLASSIFIED CHANGES TO ANNEX C TO THE GOC FOR CONSIDERATION. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF EMBASSY, IN PRESENTING OUR RESPONSE ON THE BLOC VESSEL EXCLUSION ISSUE, COULD ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN WHEN THE GOC WILL BE READY TO GIVE U.S. OFFICIAL REACTIONS TO ALL ELEMENTS OF THE U.S. PROPOSAL. INGERSOLL

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